

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church



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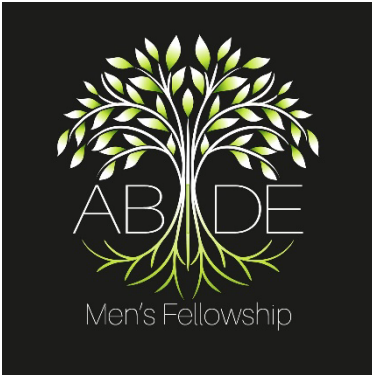


Sunday, February 25, 2024  
9:00AM

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Joel Raney	Kyle Webber
<b>Song</b>	“Be Thou My Vision”	
<b>Song</b>	“Oh Lord You’re Beautiful”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
<b>Mission Moment</b>	Noisy Bucket	Leonard Benyas
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		Erica Plesco
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“At This Table” Idina Menzel	Danielle Patterson
<b>Doxology</b>	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 19:1-10	
<b>Message</b>	“Table of Restoration”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Song</b>	“Come As You Are” by David Crowder	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Sending Music</b>		House Band

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The ABIDE Men's Fellowship will meet on the **last Tuesday of each month at the Royal Oak Tap House (714 S. Washington, Royal Oak) at 7:00 p.m. starting on Tuesday, February 27.** All other meetings during the month will be held at the church every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. ALL men are welcome and invited to join us at any of the meetings. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Our ABIDE Men's Fellowship has three goals: 1. Make space for friendship and fellowship. 2. Create opportunities to serve. 3. Offer opportunities to grow in faith. We hope you can join us!



## MARCH GROWTH LAB— “CONTEMPLATING PRAYER”

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, were they asking for a formula? Instead, what if we consider prayer as a means for connecting with the Divine above all else? At our **March 2<sup>nd</sup>** Growth Lab, we will explore metaphors for connecting to God and contemplative practices that can grow our awareness of God within and around us. Join us from **9:30 a.m.-noon** for a time of learning, sharing, and practicing. Scan the QR code to sign up.



## OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> FISH DINNER IS ON MARCH 1ST!

**Fridays, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30-7:00 p.m.**

Our famous fish dinners are here, so bring your family and friends and join us for delicious food and great fellowship. Our fish dinners benefit our children and youth where proceeds are used to send them to choir camp.

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## WE NEED FISH DINNERS VOLUNTEERS!

**Fridays, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for our first two fish dinners! We have two more fish dinners and could still use volunteers, so please scan the QR code to sign up OR visit the Connections Table after service and we will help you sign up. Note: Kids that volunteer get credit towards camp!



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## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BAKE SALE AT FISH DINNERS BY BAKING!

Our youth group are selling baked goods at our next two Fish Dinners and you can help! If you would be willing to bake something for their sale, scan the QR code to sign up. All proceeds will go towards the youth group summer service trips.



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## ROYAL OAK FIRST'S VISIONING DAY IS COMING SOON! HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

We need everyone to attend Royal Oak First's Visioning Day on **Saturday, March 9 from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** to help us plan the future for our amazing church! We will be covering such questions as: Who are we? What is God calling us to do? Who are our neighbors? and more. We hope everyone will come and be present with us on this very important day. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided and child care will be available. You can RSVP by using the QR code or look for your invitation in the mail.



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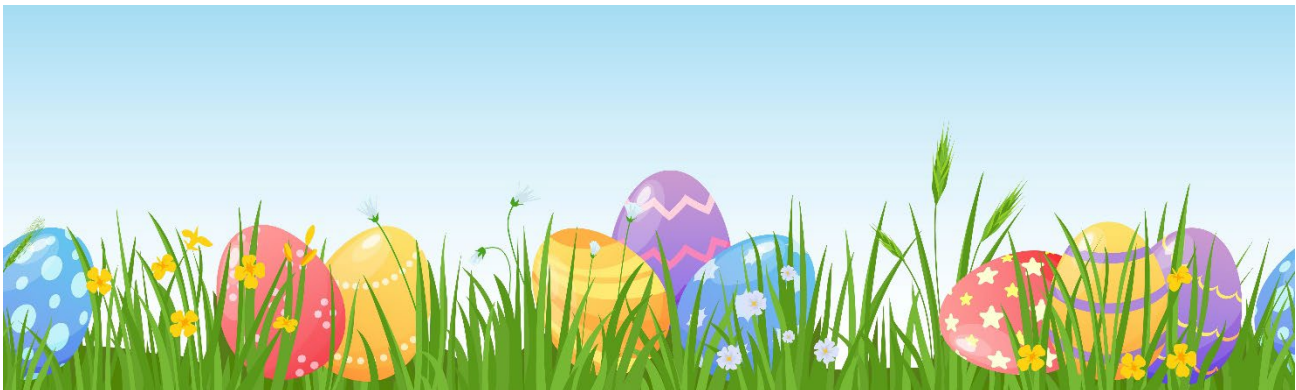
## GET READY FOR “EGG MY HOUSE”!

Make Easter morning “egg-stra” special for your kids with a yard full of candy and toy-filled eggs! Purchase twenty-four (24) eggs for \$25 or double the fun with forty-eight (48) eggs for \$50. All proceeds support the Youth Mission Trip. Order by scanning the QR code before Sunday, March 24th.



## EASTER EGG FILLERS COLLECTION

The kids and youth of Royal Oak First are collecting donations of individually wrapped pieces of candy, toys/trinkets, and plastic eggs for their annual ‘Egg My House’ fundraiser. Donations are being accepted through Sunday, March 24. A collection bin will be set up at the Connections Table on Sunday mornings. If you prefer to shop from home and have it delivered, simply scan the QR code to order from our Amazon Wish List.



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## WE NEED YOU...TO JOIN OUR CHOIR CAMP STAFF!

We are going back to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly! It is time to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! Camp will be the week of July 21-27 for kids grades 4-12 and we need volunteers! **Camp staff applications are available in the church office and at the Connections Table. Please turn in by March 1.** If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.703.8805 or email her at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

We are bringing back the Women's Retreat!! **April 12-14**, join women from Royal Oak First for a weekend of fun, fellowship and faith! We will be at Lake Huron Retreat Center, just north of Port Huron from Friday evening until Sunday morning. Take some time to get away, enjoy a beautiful place and meet some new friends from church. Sign up will start soon! Contact Bridget Nelson at [bnelson@rofum.org](mailto:bnelson@rofum.org) or call 248.541.4100 with questions.



## REDFORD BRIGHTMOOR INITIATIVE PRODUCE PROGRAM

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! We are always in need of shopping volunteers and a delivery driver each month. If you are able, please consider also signing up to shop and/or deliver for multiple months this year. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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## FEEDING OUR YOUTH GROUP

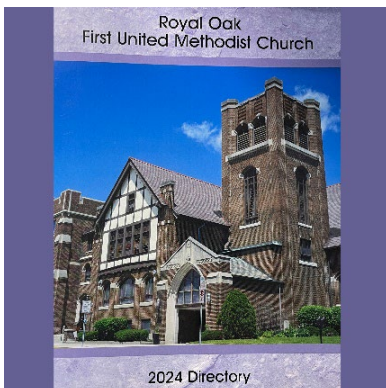
Every Sunday night, our Youth Group gathers for fellowship and activities to grow in our relationship with God and with each other. A big part of this is having dinner together. Would you be willing to provide dinner for our youth? **You can cook at home, or cook here at church or sponsor us ordering something.** If you would be able to help in this way, scan the QR code to sign up.



## SAVE THE DATE!

## SPAGHETTI DINNER VARIETY SHOW

On **Sunday, April 7 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**, the Music Guild will be putting on a Spaghetti Dinner Variety Show! Proceeds will help our youth go to camp this summer. The opportunity to showcase your talents will be open to all, so stay tuned for details. Plan to come join the fun on Sunday, April 7!



## DID YOU GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN FOR THE CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY? IF SO...

Come see us at the Connections Table on Sundays after services to pick up your copy of the 2024 Photo Directory.

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## Lent Food Collection



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Throughout Lent, we will be focusing our Missions Projects on feeding the hungry throughout our community. We are asking that you bring in the following items for the Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> Food Pantry: canned soup or pasta, cans/pouches of tuna or chicken, pasta/sauce, etc. Additionally, the Lunch Program would appreciate donations of individually bagged chips, breakfast bars, fruit/applesauce cups, and 8 oz. bottled water. Please drop off in the white bins just up the stairs in the Tower entrance and just outside the Welcome Desk by the Lafayette entrance.

## LENT 2024 MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES



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The Missions Team has arranged many volunteer opportunities for you to help us feed the hungry during Lent. These include "Service (for others) on Sundays", RBI Meal Assemblies, RBI Produce Shopping, and a Sandwich Assembly (from home) supporting the NOAH Project. We would love your participation in any or all of these missions! Scan the QR code to sign up.





# TWO MORE FISH DINNERS LEFT!

**Fridays, March 1 and March 15**  
**4:30-7:00PM**

*Did you know that proceeds from our fish dinners benefit our children and youth?*

**JOIN US THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 1 FROM 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Kids Meal (12 & under)---\$5**

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries. Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Kids Meal (13-18)---\$10**

Choice of: Baked or Deep Fried Cod, Chicken Tenders and either Baked Potato or French Fries. Includes: Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Chicken Tenders Plate---\$14**

Includes: 1/2 lb. Chicken Tenders, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Petite Cod Plate---\$15**

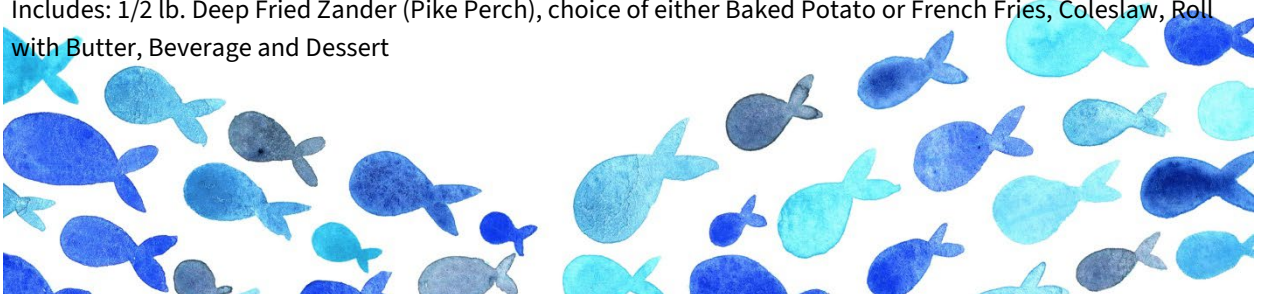
Includes: 1/3 lb. Deep Fried Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Full Cod Plate---\$17**

Includes: Choice of 1/2 lb. Deep Fried or Baked Cod, choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert

**Zander (Pike Perch) Plate---\$18**

Includes: 1/2 lb. Deep Fried Zander (Pike Perch), choice of either Baked Potato or French Fries, Coleslaw, Roll with Butter, Beverage and Dessert





## **Palm Sunday Services**

**Sunday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services**

Worship in-person or online as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will be led by our House Band at the 9:00 a.m. service and our Sanctus Choir at the 11:00 a.m. service. Any children that are here will participate in a Palm Parade. It is a day of excitement with palms to wave and joy to spread.

## **Maundy Thursday Service - A New Commandment**

**Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.**

Join us in-person or online for a worship experience where we will remember the Last Supper. There will be a Homily by Pastor Jeff, communion, and music led by the Carillon Ringers.

## **Good Friday Service**

**Friday, March 29, noon**

Join us in-person or online for a traditional and impactful Good Friday worship service remembering Jesus' final day. This is a service of deep reflection. Come to the foot of the cross and experience the passion of Jesus.

## **7 Last Words Poetry/Music Slam**

**Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.**

You don't want to miss this live event where poets and musicians muse on Christ's last words. Unique, poignant, and compelling, the 7 Last Words Poetry/Music Slam offers insights into Christ's humanity and divinity in his final moments. Join us in-person or online.

## **Easter Sunday Services**

**Sunday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Join us for a morning of worship and celebration featuring our House Band at 9:00 a.m. and Brass Quintet, Sanctus Choir and Handbells at 11:00 a.m. Worship in-person or online. This is a morning celebration not to be missed!

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Marilyn Alexander • Margie Dallavo • Yvonne Bashur • Lisa Forzley •  
Lee Hoffmann • Sinead Valentine • Al and Gloria Knappenberger •  
Betty Latimer • Linda Wilson • Diane Sexton • Judy Bryan • Inge Wichers •  
Ann Anderson • Mary Lou Graeber • Kim Stroud • Charlene Faunt •  
Dauroran Shirina Lee-Thurman • Mike Long • Diana Shornak • Carrie Morse •  
Nancy Reid • Dona Wells • Kathy Seidler • Allison and Bill Hempstead •  
Marian Kremer • Sheryl Hunter • Art Miller • Mary Nahhat • Donna Allen •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

Ken Hendrickson • Suzanne Buxton • Ann Vee • Weston Phinney •  
Earl Hendrickson • Darren Bowie • Kerry Franks • Effie Lambros •  
Ellen Delangy • Claire Jones • Paul Lucas • Harold Baker •  
Jeff and Marcy Carmichael • Ellen Carmichael • Rob Tencza •  
John and Joyce Barber • Neal Gaberdiel • Scott Spaulding • Nancy Graves •  
Laura Cable • Jennifer Gaudette-Wood • Connie Armstrong • Robert Baker •  
Glen Baker • Faye Rogers • Julia Rogers • Kyron Bradstrom • James Lovitt •  
Liz Fitch • Jim Slimek • Jonathon Larson • Bob Blonde • Sharon Pillow •  
Scott Peacor and Kyla Boyse • Larry Campbell • Dan Hicks • Brent Miller •  
Carl Jones • Dorothy Follette • Deana Sawicki • Atlas •  
Steve Wurdock •

## **Sympathies to:**

The Riggs family on the death of their daughter in law, Heather Riggs on  
February 16, 2024

The Matsumoto family on the death of Jan's uncle, Lyle on February 15, 2024

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).*

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for showing up.

This Lent, we have leaned into our longstanding tradition of serving fish dinners with a renewed enthusiasm. We have had two dinners with over 90 volunteers and served nearly 700 meals.

This season we have reminded ourselves of why we do these dinners.

1. To experience the joy of being in the Body of Christ. When we all come together as one, good things happen, friendships are formed and Christ's love is multiplied. Whether you wash the dishes, bread the fish, pour the coffee, sell the tickets, or play the piano (thank you, Leonard!), when we each do our part something truly beautiful takes place.
2. We offer Christian hospitality to every person who walks through the door. We remind ourselves before we open the doors that every single person who walks through the door is a precious child of God. We do our best to be patient and kind to everyone. At our fish dinners we try to remind ourselves that Jesus came to serve, not to be served.
3. We raise funds to support our Children, Youth and Families programming. Every \$500 raised sends a young person to summer camp! In addition, these resources will support our Holy COW and ROY Youth Group weekly meals.

We have two fish dinners left on March 1st and March 15th. Please join in the fun and fellowship of these important community gatherings.

A lot more than fish is being served. The Body of Christ is being strengthened. The hospitality of Jesus is on display. And young people are supported on their spiritual journey.

You can sign up today to help, just scan the QR code at the bottom of this page.

We are truly on a mission from Cod! (Sorry, I couldn't help it!)

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a simple smiley face drawn below the name.

Pastor Jeff Nelson

